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In re patent application of

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| For:         | A PLASMA GENERATOR |                 |                  |

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 3, 4, 7-10 have been amended to delete multiple-dependency. Claims 11-20 have been added. No new matter has been added.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.